

FINAL ISSUE

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This is the final issue of BIG HITS. I have made a sudden decision to quit publishing. There are a lot of reasons, and I'm not going to go into them. The long time it took me to get the games ready this time (10 days) made me consider folding, and earlier this week in the middle of the night, I decided to do it.

I will continue to GM the AMERICAN DREAM game (since it is in 1917 and hopefully is nearly over) and the BAHNHOF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE international game. New GMs will take over the remaining games. Players are receiving an adjudication of their game with the game stats to date and player addresses. This is all the information that the new GM will need.

I am sending these also to Rod Walker (1273 Crest Dr, Encinitas CA 92024) of the U.S. Orphan Service. He will assign new GMs to the SURFING BIRD, BLUE ANGEL and LITTLE SISTER games. He should contact you within 3 weeks. He will set the next deadline for you. If you don't hear from him by then, write to both him and me to let us know. If you do not wish to continue play under a new GM, let Rod know right away so a replacement player can be found. If you wish to volunteer to take one of the games, let Rod and I know.

The BOP TIL YOU DROP game is a Mensa Diplomacy SIG game. I'm sending the stats to Fred Davis (3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City MD 21043) to see if he has a Mensa GM willing to take a game. If not, Rod Walker will find a GM.

(The United Hockey league in ICE ZINE will continue, but I can make no guarantees about it. I'll try it for a couple months and see what happens. Don't expect the next season to be out for a couple of weeks.)

A refund of your sub balance (except for AMERICAN DREAM and ICE ZINE players) should also be enclosed. Refunds less than \$4 will be in postage stamps, which is the cheapest and easiest way for me to handle them. I trust this is acceptable.

I am leaving the hobby with no ill feelings. I've published and GMed nearly 100 issues in eight years with much satisfaction. Some of the enthusiasm and commitment for publishing is gone, but I've enjoyed it all along. It has been fun. I hope my final contribution to the hobby is an example of a quick clean fold that can be followed by others who must quit publishing. So this is goodbye.

*DOT HAPPY AWARD*